REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS



Solicitation Number: CLMP321

Project Name: Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative

The following is a summary of information for this Solicitation. The Consultant is cautioned to refer to other sections of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet for further details.

The City of Austin, through its Capital Contracting Office, is requesting Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) for the selection of engineering services for the above-noted project.

Submittals may be turned in at the Capital Contracting Office located at 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 365, Austin, TX 78704, or submitted electronically (see Attachment 1 Submitting Offers Using eResponse).

ALL SUBMITTALS ARE DUE ON: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 prior to 2:00 PM CST

IN PERSON SUBMITTALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT 505 BARTON SPRINGS ROAD, SUITE 365 BETWEEN 10:00AM AND 2:00PM CST ATTENTION: KITTY MAK. SUBMITTALS MUST BE AT SUITE 365, PRIOR TO 2:00PM CST. IF FIRMS CHOOSE TO USE A COURIER SERVICE, SAME REQUIREMENTS APPLY.

All SUBMITTALS not received prior to the date and time set forth above will NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION. The time stamp clock in the <u>Suite 365</u> Reception Area is the time of record and is verified with <u>www.time.gov</u>, the Official U.S. time. The time of record for those electronically submitted is the time received in Austin Finance Online. The qualification statement evaluation criteria for this project are included in this packet for your information. The selection process for this project is anticipated to be complete for City Council action in January 2022. Contract execution is anticipated for April 2022.

All prime firms and subconsultants must be registered to do business with the Owner prior to the contract award. Prime firms are responsible for ensuring that their subconsultants are registered as vendors with the City of Austin. You may register through the Owner's on-line Vendor Registration system. Log on to the following link and follow the directions: https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/index.cfm.

All City procurements are subject to the City's Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program (Chapter 2-9-B of the MBE/WBE Ordinance, revised June 15, 2006). The program provides Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MBEs/WBEs) opportunity to participate in all City contracts. Information on achieving the MBE/WBE participation goals or documenting good faith efforts to achieve the goals is contained in the MBE/WBE Procurement Program Package included in this RFQ packet. Entities submitting statements of qualifications are required to complete and return the MBE/WBE Compliance Plan with their response.

The selected consultant will be required to execute a standard City of Austin professional services agreement. Prior to contract execution, the selected firm must submit either their existing or an updated personnel policy (on letterhead) documenting conformity with City Code, 5-4, § 5-4-2, or this non-discrimination and non-retaliation policy, which has been adopted by the consultant for all purposes may be considered the consultant's non-discrimination and non-retaliation policy without the requirement of a separate submittal.

The selected consultant shall carry insurance in the following types and amounts for the duration of the Agreement, and furnish certificates of insurance along with copies of policy declaration pages and policy endorsements as evidence thereof:

- Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance with coverage consistent with statutory benefits outlined in the Texas Workers' Compensation Act (Section 401). The minimum policy limits for Employers' Liability Insurance are \$100,000 bodily injury each accident, \$500,000 bodily injury by disease policy limit and \$100,000 bodily injury by disease each employee. The firm's policy shall apply to the State of Texas and include these endorsements in favor of the City of Austin:
 - (a) Waiver of Subrogation, form WC 420304.
 - (b) 30 day Notice of Cancellation, form WC 420601.
- Commercial General Liability Insurance with a minimum combined bodily injury and property damage per occurrence limit of \$500,000 for coverage A & B. The policy shall contain the following provisions:
 - (a) Contractual liability coverage for liability assumed under the Agreement and all contracts relative to this project.
 - (b) Products/Completed Operations Liability for the duration of the warranty period.
 - (c) If the project involves digging or drilling, Explosion, Collapse, and Underground (XCU) coverage
 - (d) Independent Contractors coverage (Contractors/ Subcontractors work).

The policy shall contain the following endorsements in favor of the City of Austin:

- (a) Waiver of Subrogation, endorsement CG 2404.
- (b) 30 day Notice of Cancellation, endorsement CG 0205.
- (c) Additional Insured, endorsement CG 2010.
- Business Automobile Liability Insurance for all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles with a
 minimum combined single limit of \$500,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property
 damage. Alternate acceptable limits are \$250,000 bodily injury per person, \$500,000
 bodily injury per occurrence and at least \$100,000 property damage liability per accident.
 The policy shall contain the following endorsements in favor of the City of Austin:
 - (a) Waiver of Subrogation, endorsement CA 0444.
 - (b) 30 day Notice of Cancellation, endorsement CA 0244.
 - (c) Additional Insured, endorsement CA 2048.
- Professional Liability Insurance with a minimum limit of \$ 1,000,000.00 per claim and in aggregate to pay on behalf of the assured all sums which the assured shall become legally obligated to pay as damages by reason of any negligent act, error, or omission committed or alleged to have been committed with respect to estimates, schedules, analyses, reports,

surveys, designs or specifications prepared or alleged to have been prepared by the assured. Coverage, including any renewals, shall have a retroactive date coincident with or prior to the date of the Agreement. The consultant shall provide the City of Austin annually with a certificate of insurance as evidence of such insurance. The policy shall provide for 30 day notice of cancellation in favor of the City of Austin. The consultant shall provide a discovery period on professional liability policies that is commensurate with the warranty period of the project.

Should you have any questions concerning the information included in this RFQ, please attend a pre-response meeting on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 2:00PM CST, Click here to join the meeting and/or via Audio Call In +1 512-831-7858, Conference ID: 718 257 492#. The purpose of the meeting will be to respond to consultants' questions about the project and the procurement process. Attendance at the meeting is not required; however, meeting minutes will not be issued.

Thank you for your interest in this RFQ, for more information about this solicitation or others issued by this office, please visit us at:

https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor connection/index.cfm.

To obtain the complete RFQ packet, look for CLMP321 under open solicitations and view the attachments.

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